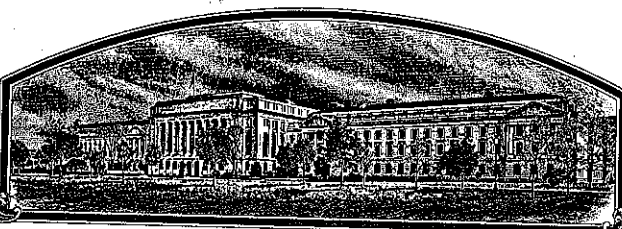


No.



9300207

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

*Asgrow Seed Company*

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF EIGHTEEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (34 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321

SOYBEAN

'A2012'

*In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirty-first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.*

Attest:

*Marsha J. Stone*  
Commissioner  
Plant Variety Protection Office  
Agricultural Marketing Service

*Jan F. Flickman*  
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE  
(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1 NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) ASGROW SEED COMPANY		2 TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NO XP2012	3 VARIETY NAME A2012
4 ADDRESS (street and no. or R.F.D. no., city, state, and ZIP) <del>9646-190-20</del> 2605 E. Kilgore Rd. <del>7000 Portage Road</del> Kalamazoo, MI <del>Kalamazoo, MI 49001</del> 49001-1744 JL 6 Feb. 1997		5 PHONE (include area code) 616 384-2351	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9300207 F I L I N G Date May 5, 1993 Time 2:55 <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M. F E E S Filing and Examination Fee. \$ 2325.00 Date April 12, 1993 R E C E I V E D Certificate Fee \$ 300.00 Date Feb. 28, 1997
6 GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max	7 FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		
8 CROP KIND NAME (Common Name) Soybean	9 DATE OF DETERMINATION 1987		
10 IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation		12 DATE OF INCORPORATION March 22, 1968	
11 IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware			
13 NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Mr Wayne Hoener (616) 384-2351 Dr Alan Walker (608) 755-1777 9646-190-20 5548 Asgrow Seed Co - 5926 Hwy 14 E Asgrow Seed Co - Gull Rd Bldg 190 Janesville, WI 53546 Kalamazoo, MI 49001 PHONE (include area code)			

14 CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow INSTRUCTIONS on reverse)

a ☒ Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

b ☒ Exhibit B, Novelty Statement

c ☒ Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety

d ☒ Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety

e ☒ Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership

f ☒ Seed Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds) Date Seed Sample mailed to Plant Variety Protection Office \_\_\_\_\_

g ☒ Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,150) made payable to "Treasurer of the United States"

15 DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)

☐ YES (If "YES," answer items 16 and 17 below) ☒ NO (If "NO," skip to item 18 below)

16 DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?

☐ YES ☒ NO

17 IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?

☐ FOUNDATION ☐ REGISTERED ☐ CERTIFIED

18 DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.?

☐ YES (If "YES," through ☐ Plant Variety Protection Act ☐ Patent Act Give date \_\_\_\_\_) ☒ NO

19 HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?

☐ YES (If "YES," give names of countries and dates) ☒ NO

20 The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) <i>Wayne Hoener</i>	CAPACITY OR TITLE Soybean Product Mgr	DATE 3/31/93
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) <i>Alan K. Walker</i>	CAPACITY OR TITLE Director of Soybean Research	DATE 3-26-93

ASGROW SEED COMPANY  
PVP APPLICATION A2012 SOYBEAN  
April, 1993

EXHIBIT A  
ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF A2012

- 1987 Cross was made in Redwood Falls, MN.  
Parentage: A2234/2/\*BSR101
- 1987-88 F1 and F2 generations grown near Isabela, Puerto Rico.  
Winter
- 1988 F3 generation grown at Redwood Falls, MN. Three hundred plants selected from a bulk population and threshed individually.
- 1989 Progeny Row Yield Trial A871568 A89-PY050 was selected for its uniformity in plant height, standability, and yield. This row was harvested in bulk and seeds were checked and verified for uniform seed coat luster and hilum color.
- 1989 (Oct) A871568 A89-PY050 was determined to be a unique and stable line.
- 1990 A871568 A89-PY050 was entered in a preliminary (R193-28) yield test conducted at a total of 4 locations in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- 1990 (Fall) 100 F5 plants were selected and threshed individually. 60 F5 plants were then sent to Puerto Rico for seed increase.
- 1991 A871568 A89-PY050 was entered into the advanced V150 test as experimental Stage I XI2012, conducted at 15 locations.
- A 50 entry subline yield test was conducted at 2 locations in 2 states. 8 of the top yielding sublines were then bulked to form the main seed source.
- 90 Lb of breeders seed were sent to Puerto Rico for seed increase.
- 1992 XP2012 was entered into the advanced test V150 yield test conducted at 16 locations. Foundation Seed of XP2012 was produced near Clarion, IA. XP2012 was nominated for release and assigned the designation A2012. A2012 is uniform and stable within commercially acceptable limits based on trial observations since October, 1989. As with other soybean varieties, variants can occur for almost any characteristics during the course of repeated sexual reproduction.

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EXHIBIT B  
NOVELTY STATEMENT CONCERNING A2012 SOYBEAN

To our knowledge the soybean varieties that closely resemble A2012 are A2234, A1929, Hardin91, A2242.

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|------------------------|--|
| 1) Flower Color        | A2012=Purple<br>A2234=Purple<br>A1929=Purple<br>Hardin91=Purple<br>A2242=White                 |
| 2) Pubescence Color    | A2012=Grey<br>A2234=Tawny<br>A1929=Grey<br>Hardin91=Grey<br>A2242=Tawny                        |
| 3) Hilum Color         | A2012=Imperfect Black<br>A2234=Black<br>A1929=Imperfect Black<br>Hardin91=Yellow<br>A2242=Grey |
| 4) Peroxidase Activity | A2012=Low<br>A2234=Low<br>A1929=High<br>Hardin91=___<br>A2242=High                             |

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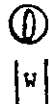
EXHIBIT C  
 (Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY  
 SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) ASGROW SEED COMPANY	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION XP2012	VARIETY NAME A2012
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 9638-190-23 Gull Road, Building 190 Kalamazoo, MI 49001		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9300207

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,   ). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)  
 3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)  
 4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow      2 = Green      3 = Brown      4 = Black      5 = Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')      2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff      2 = Yellow      3 = Brown      4 = Gray      5 = Imperfect Black      6 = Black      7 = Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow      2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low      2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1<sup>a</sup>)      2 = Type B (SP1<sup>b</sup>)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')      2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')  
 3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')  
 4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate      2 = Oval      3 = Ovate      4 = Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 31 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')  
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

## 12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')  
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

## ★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

## ★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

## ★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

## 16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 31 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')  
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

## ★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

## ★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 5

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

## ★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

## BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ ☐ 0Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)★ ☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)★ ☐ 0Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

## FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ ☐ 0Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)★ ☐ 0

Race 1

☐ Race 2☐ Race 3☐ Race 4☐ Race 5☐ Other (Specify)☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)☐ 1Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 2Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)★ ☐ 1Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 0Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

## 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

## FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
- ☐ 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ 2 Race 1 ☐ 2 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 2 Race 4 ☐ 2 Race 5 ☐ 0 Race 6 ☐ 2 Race 7
- ☐ 2 Race 8 ☐ 2 Race 9 ☐ 2 Other (Specify) 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, & 24

## VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

## NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 1 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ 0 OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## 20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 2 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ 0 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## 21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ 0 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## 22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A2234	Seed Coat Luster	A2234
Leaf Shape	A2234	Seed Size	A2234
Leaf Color	A1929	Seed Shape	A2234
Leaf Size	A2234	Seedling Pigmentation	A2234

## 23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
A2012 Submitted	127	1.6	76	8.9	13.8	40.8	20.5	18	2.6
A2234 Name of Similar Variety	129	1.6	81	8.9	13.8	41.2	21.5	18	2.6

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EXHIBIT D  
ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

A2012 is an early group II cultivar that possesses an outstanding combination of characteristics needed by producers in its maturity zone. It combines high yield potential, excellent standability, resistance to powdery mildew, good iron chlorosis tolerance, and resistance to many races of Phytophthora megasperma f. sp. glycinea conferred by the Rps1K alleles and Rps<sub>7</sub> alleles.

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EXHIBIT E  
STATEMENT OF BASIS OF APPLICANT OWNERSHIP

A2012 was originated and developed by Roger L Lussenden, an Asgrow plant breeder. By agreement between Asgrow Seed Company, all rights to any invention, discovery or development made by employees are assigned to the company. No rights of such invention, discovery or development are returned by the employee.